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Paul (cc Gary),

Brief updating on Skolnick stink.

When he was silent and I felt I could no longer delay learning exactly what he had let Skolnick see, I phoned Russ today and got the list. He has had problems, been busy with the organization he has started, had planned driving here (four hours), and his old car broke down, etc. I have such a list on tape and when he can filter the desk disorder I'll have copies of letters. It is as I expected, only what I let him have to pursue this for me and what he got for me. Skolnick did no work of his own. For which I think we should all bow to the east and thank Allah.

This includes the letter to Jim. But there is no way of identifying it, because even though I never anticipated such a crazy business, I took the precaution of physically cutting out every identification. So, with his ego, there is little chance Skolnick will use it. To now he hasn't. From now he'll do less. Although the college press in a letter I got yesterday, written Wednesday, pretends to know nothing about what I wrote him about, I also learned that he called Skolnick in the day before and gave him hell and warned him never again to involve the school in his personal affairs. He appears to have done and said nothing new. At least I've had no new reports. By now I suspect his ego is no longer dominant, his apprehensions are. But figure a crazy man like him.

I have prepared the rough draft of an injunction I plan to file, if possible, in the same court with the intent of disassociating him from decent society before the DJ can clobber him and by association us. It is an illegal complaint for an injunction, like Skolnick's complaint wandering far afield. It alleges damage, raises the question was he acting for the government to discredit, whether for pay being insignificant, etc. If it is accepted and/or if it gets any attention, it should frustrate any possibility of serious damage to us from his getting his ass kicked.

Had read his complaint yesterday. He says it is the sickest, worst thing he has ever seen. That bad!

Meanwhile, inquiries are being made to see if a) I can get anyone to walk the complaint into court, give it to the clerk with the requisite fee and b) get a lawyer to file against him and the others involved (he has no dough, it seems, but the others do and the station that gave him his big boost, got him on the UPI wire, is known as Mayor Daley's. There may be a chance of finding there is sufficient damage and there is no doubt of the plagiarism. This station was part of Skolnick's work, the reporter having admitted to me he worked with S for two weeks prior to filing (I have on tape) and actually saw what S had with the identification cut out, so he had to know there was something funny. They have to plead incompetence, like not looking at the Warren Report, things like that, so I doubt that, if there is a viable action, they'll want it aired in court or want any kind of airing of their own participation in plagiarism. We'll see.

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